

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 36. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

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RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Good	Below Average
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	71.1	80.6	71.8	66.5	70.2	73.5
• Passed 2 subtests	15.5	9.9	17.7	17.9	16.3	15.1
• Passed 1 subtest	9.8	5.2	5.5	9.7	8.9	7.5
• Passed no subtests	3.6	4.2	5.0	5.8	4.6	3.9

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	17.8%	22.7%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	17.8%	24.3%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	52.0%	54.9%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	93.4%	17.8%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	80.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	93.1%	18.6%	
Gender			
Male	88.0%	22.1%	
Female	97.7%	13.3%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	89.3%	3.1%	
Hispanic	N/A	0.0%	
White	95.2%	27.9%	
Other	N/A	100.0%	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	92.2%	0.0%	
Pay for lunch	93.1%	20.9%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	81.8%
Completers placed	96.4%
Eligible students enrolled	55.0%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,521	N/A	\$5,690	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	90.3%	Down from 91.4%	90.3%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	34.2 to 1	N/A	25.9 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=859)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	59.0%	N/A	51.7%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	94.5%	Down from 95.3%	95.2%	95.3%
• Retention rate	8.7%	Up from 7.8%	9.4%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=43)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.1 Days	Up from 6.9	7.5 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	97.0%	No change	95.9%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	51.2%	Up from 45.5%	53.9%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	86.0%	Down from 88.6%	83.2%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.3%	Up from 0.0%	2.9%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	87.5%	Down from 91.3%	86.3%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$40,230	Up 7.3%	\$39,045	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	3.1%	No change	3.0%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	54.9%	N/A	55.6%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	1.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	78.5%	N/A	59.4%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	9.2%	Up from 8.6%	8.9%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	12	N/A	26	29
• Gifted and talented	14.3%	Up from 14.1%	9.6%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	9.8%	Up from 6.5%	10.7%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	12.2%	N/A	1.2%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	472	N/A	371	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	16.8%	N/A	23.2%	23.1%





PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Silver Bluff High School is one of seven high schools located within the Consolidated School District of Aiken County. Located on a bluff near the Savannah River, Silver Bluff draws its students from three neighboring communities: Beech Island, Jackson, and New Ellenton. Silver Bluff's motto, "A School of Excellence," encompasses the mission of our school: success. Students at Silver Bluff receive recognition yearly for their outstanding academic performance in and out of the classroom. Silver Bluff High School provides all students with the opportunities to become responsible lifelong learners.

Silver Bluff High School faces many of the same challenges that other public high schools face. The primary focus for the next several years will center on the transition period from middle school to high school. This effort is an attempt to reduce the number of discipline referrals, high retention rates, and excessive absences and to create an atmosphere of success throughout the school. A school-wide commitment on the part of the teaching staff and administration has been made to implement meaningful transition programs and increase parental involvement in an effort to increase student success for "all" students. Through early identification of students and by taking a pro-active stance, the staff will provide many opportunities for student success, thus increasing the number of students who will adapt and succeed in meeting the rigors of high school academics.

Lynn P. Landis
Principal
Silver Bluff High School

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	92.7	69.4	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	92.7	86.2	
Satisfied with home-school relations	73.7	83.2	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 859 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Good



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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